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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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To: Delegations

Subject: Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security
(COSI)

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda as set out in CM 2632/1/19 REV 1 was adopted.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Committee about the progress on the draft Council Conclusions on preventing and combating radicalization in prisons and on dealing with terrorist and violent extremist offenders after release discussed in the Terrorism Working Party and on the draft Council Conclusions on certain aspects of European Preventive Policing discussed in the Law Enforcement Working Party. The objective is to submit the two sets of draft conclusions for adoption by the Council in June. The Committee took note of the adoption of the Updated Strategy for the Future Cooperation between Customs and Law Enforcement and of the items concluded by the COSI SG on 2 May 2019, as set out in WK 5964/19.

3. Future of the EU Policing

a) Preparation of the Council debate

b) Internal Security priorities in the next MFF

The Committee held a first exchange of views on the draft paper (9027/19) on the Future of EU Law Enforcement intended to serve as a basis for the Ministerial discussion at the Council in June. Delegations welcomed the initiation of this debate as timely and necessary. The need to step up the integrated approach to security and to ensure that law enforcement authorities across the Union are in a position to benefit from technological developments, while minimising the risks associated with it was underlined. The supporting role of the EU JHA agencies to the efforts of the Member States was underlined.

There was a broad convergence of views on the need to ensure an adequate allocation of resources for internal security priorities and Europol in particular, in light of these new developments. In this context, delegations took note of the state of play of negotiations of the next MFF 2021-2027 (9034/19) and agreed on the necessity to liaise with Ministries of Finance at national level to make sure that the need for proportionate allocation of funds for internal security priorities is taken into consideration in the negotiations of the General MFF Regulation.

The discussion paper for the Council will be revised in light of the specific comments made by delegations.

4. Novel Actionable Information

The Committee endorsed the revised text of the draft Council conclusions as set out in 9035/19, which would be submitted as an I/A item to COREPER/Council for adoption.

5. EU Policy Cycle for organised and serious international crime/EMPACT

5.1 Monitoring of the implementation: NEC meeting conclusions, based on the comprehensive Drivers' reports OAPs 2018 and Europol's final findings

The Committee took note of the good operational results achieved under the OAPs 2018. Further to the NEC meeting on 11-12 April and the COSI SG discussion on 2 May, delegations exchanged views on some outstanding issues in the context of the monitoring of the implementation of the EU Policy Cycle, as set out in 9036/19. COSI agreed on the proposed way forward on the three issues identified therein: the reporting mechanism of the EU Policy Cycle, the horizontal crime priorities, and the EU Policy Cycle funding. The Committee took note of presentations by the French delegation and Euromed Police highlighting the added value of the multidisciplinary character of EMPACT and invited the EEAS and COM to continue their efforts to support Drivers especially in respect of reaching out to third countries.

5.2. Interim report of new, changing and emerging threats

COSI endorsed the interim report of new, changing and emerging threats (9037/19 + ADD 1 (EU RESTRICTED)) and invited all relevant actors to take this report into consideration in the future activities under the EU Policy Cycle, e.g. the drafting of the Operational Actions Plans 2020 in autumn.

5.3. EU SOCTA 2021 – Customer requirements

Delegations had a first exchange of views on the EU SOCTA 2021 customer requirements (9038/19). The Presidency will submit under written procedure a revised text with some modifications in order to take into account the position expressed during the meeting and to ensure a better alignment with the Council Conclusions on the continuation of the EU Policy Cycle (7704/17): the envisaged timeline, while providing more time for analysis of the data, stronger focus on the multidisciplinary nature of the EU Policy Cycle.

6. EU threat assessment in the field of counter terrorism : recommendations

COSI endorsed the draft EU threat assessment in the field of counterterrorism with two minor amendments (9044/1/19).

7. Presentation of the work programme of the incoming Finnish Presidency

The Finnish delegation presented the main topics that they plan to address in COSI during their Presidency, e.g. future direction in internal security, hybrid threats, interoperability with a focus on implementation, etc.

The following COSI meetings are initially foreseen: 8-9 July (informal COSI meeting at the Europol Headquarters), 25-26 September (joint meeting of COSI -PSC on 25 September), 19 November.

8. AOB

The Committee took note of the presentation by CEPOL on the Community-oriented policing (COP) toolbox developed jointly with EUCPN.

It is available on the EUCPN site under the following link:

<https://eucpn.org/document/toolbox-14-community-oriented-policing-european-union-today>